Welcome Back
What a wild and wet welcome we’ve had to the first week of term 3. It has been great to have students back at school and arriving on time for another big term of learning. A special welcome to our new families, some who have arrived from the other side of Australia, and some just from the other side of town. Welcome too, to Tania Sutherland, who is supporting our Year 3/4 students with their literacy for the rest of the year, and to Isabelle West, who is working with the Year 5/6 team.

Welcome to the World!
We save our most special welcome to Patrick Downing, Luisa Downing’s beautiful baby boy. He was born on 15 June and weighed 7lb 4 ozs. Congratulations to Luisa and Simon. We wish you all the best and hope you may be able to bring Patrick in to visit soon.

The Ramps are Open!
It was very exciting to have our new ramps in action for our first day back. And it wasn’t only children in wheelchairs that wanted a turn – it seemed that students were going out of their way to romp up and down the ramps. The excitement was so great that we did have to remind the children that the ramps are not play equipment and that we need to ensure that we use them properly so they are safe for everyone to travel along.

Masterplan Feasibility Study Feedback
As many of you are aware, we are currently conducting a feasibility study into key aspects of our masterplan.

Working with the Rural City of Wangaratta, we are hoping to develop shared recreational facilities, including a multipurpose recreation building, on our school site. This building would be a home for our music program, our PE classes and our assemblies, freeing up other areas of the school to become new learning spaces to accommodate our gently growing numbers. Then after hours and on weekends it could be used by different community groups and sporting clubs.

The feasibility study is an essential step to allow us to apply for grants to fund the building of such a facility. An online survey is one key element of the study. The survey can be found at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wangarattarec

I encourage everyone to complete the survey and to share the link with everyone they know, particularly those involved in community groups and sporting clubs.
Cultural Performance
This year our ‘Artist in Residence’ week is replaced by a cultural performance organised by our own staff. Instead of having a guest artist our own talented team are putting together a play series featuring class performances celebrating world cultures called ‘Where in the World?’. Cazz Hicks is coordinating the performances, with preparation already beginning in music classes. Emma Sipola and Judy Lowen are working with children and applying their art skills to creating props and backdrops. Each teacher will be leading their class in fine tuning their performance. This great team effort will produce a great show.

Families have their part to play too. A letter went home yesterday with some requests for costuming. Costuming is simple and should be ‘no cost’ (black clothes, long sleeves and long pants with a few added elements) – if you can organise this for your child before the performance that would be fantastic. If you have extras that other children could share that would be great too. Beyond that, just reserve Friday, 12 August at 6pm to attend the performance at the Wangaratta High School PAC. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a great week,
Steve

Student of the Week

Jake 3/4D—for his fantastic work in maths.
Mitchell 3/4A—for being a helpful, friendly and co-operative member of our class.
Bonnie FL—congratulations Bonnie your friends appreciate how you are helpful, friendly and a great writer.
Levi FH—for improving his persistence.
Gabriel 1/2D—for showing great persistence in getting all his work completed.
Jess 5/6L—for having a great attitude in all she does!
Zarah 5/6S—for her positive attitude and ability to always try her best.

Chaplain’s Chunk

Welcome back everybody, hope you’re settling in quickly to the school routine. I hope you all enjoyed a good mix of work, rest and play over the two week holiday. At home we played a bit of Chess (in-front of a fire!). Also Monopoly which is always a favourite. My 10 year old daughter makes us all play. It’s doing a lot for her counting and negotiation skills, along with learning to budget and balance risk and reward! Also teaching us a lot of patience and self-control! I have to lay down the law a fair bit and demonstrate good behaviour myself, but then that’s what parents are designed to do all the time. Hopefully we then all get along better and have a good laugh. So don’t be afraid to set the boundary lines, enforce them (gently) and get the kids into disciplined routines at home this term – it all helps produce a happy household.

All the best, and don’t hesitate to drop in to my office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the school if you’d like any help.

Nick Taylor
Stitched Up Festival Makers Market

A big thank you to Judy Lowen, Emma Sipola and their students who created this beautiful display for the Stitched Up Festival Makers Market last Sunday.

We featured in last week's chronicle and the display was beautiful!

Assembly Performances

July 20—1/2G
July 27—Choir
Aug 3—Advanced Guitar
Aug 17—FH & FL
Aug 24—Band
Aug 31—3/4D
Sept 7—5/6S
Sept 14—Choir

Hot Chocolate For Sale

Every Thursday at lunchtime

Hot Chocolate drinks will be sold for

50 cents each

Jump Rope for Heart

Term 3 will see WPS participating in Jump Rope for Heart. All students are asked to raise money for research into Heart, Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease. Students can ask families and friends to sponsor them for the 2016 Jump Off Day. Sponsorship forms are being sent home so students can commence fundraising. IMPORTANT note: We recommend that students do not go door to door and do not ask strangers for donations.

Jump Off Day is planned for THURSDAY 28 JULY.

On this day students will participate in some skipping activities to showcase their hard work in skipping at school. It has been marvellous to see some amazing skipping tricks already on show on the playground. Please keep an eye out in future newsletters as to when to bring back Sponsorship Forms.

Happy Skipping!!
WANGARATTA PRIMARY SCHOOL
CULTURAL PERFORMANCE 2016

August 12th @ 6pm at the Wangaratta High School PAC

Where in the World?

An exploration of World Music

The Story: Inspired by their teacher Mr Murphy, three school children, Jess P, Jess J and Matt, travel to Greece and then on to other countries in search of their muse.

Musical Performances

FH - Zorba’s Dance: Greece and Ho Ho Watanay - Canada
FL and Band: Ani Couni Chaouani - Native American Indian
1/2D Lir Illiar and Buka Pintu - Indonesia
3/4A Mary-Ann - Hawaii
3/4A and 1/2L Surfin USA
1/2L Lotus Flower Song - Japan
1/2G with help of callers from 3/4D: Becky Ko Non Noon? Yo. - Mali
3/4D Tinikling Dance - Philippines
Poi demonstration: Izzy, Jarrod, Mr Lorback, Lochie E, Dallas - NZ
5/6S: Maori Stick Game - New Zealand
5/6L: You Me and Us: Australia
All: Camel Train to Yamba - Australia

Disclaimer: We have tried to keep the performances as close as possible to the tradition of the cultures but have modified some in order to make them easier for children to perform.
General Information

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge
So far we have 8 participants, we would love to have more!!!!!!!
Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 6 are challenged to read 15 books.
Forms are available from the school office. If you have any queries please see Yvonne at the school office.

3rd Little Duck Lunch Orders - Term 3 Lunch specials—Monday’s
Slice of carrot cake $1.50
Cheese & bacon pizza $4.00
Speciality pie—potato topped $4.00
Seasonal Specials
Pumpkin or Tomato Soup with bread roll $3.00

Lunch orders can be made on line at www.3rdlittleduck.com.au or dropped off at the school office.

The Centre—My Environment—What It Means to Me—Photographic Competition
The Centre in partnership with the Wangaratta Sustainability network invites entries to the My Environment—what it means to me—photographic competition. This competition is open to young people under the age of 18 years.

All photographs will be displayed at the My Environment Photographic Exhibition to be held at The Centre Wangaratta from 8 to 25 August.
Entries close on Friday 29 July.
Judging will take place during the following week with the winners to be announced at the launch of the Exhibition at 6pm on 10 August.
Further information is available on The Centre’s website http://www.thecentre.vic.edu.au/envirocomp/